

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-12 are pending in the application, with 1, 7, and 9 being the independent claims. By this Amendment, Applicants seek to amend claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7-10. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants also submit a Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Corrections to address objections to the Drawings raised in the Office Action.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings, specifically FIGs. 3 and 5, stand objected to because of alleged informalities. Additionally, Applicants propose amending FIG. 4 to correct other informalities. As noted above, Applicants submit the attached Drawing Correction Authorization Request to provide descriptive text in FIGs. 3 and correct the informalities in FIGs. 4-5. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Objection to the Drawings be withdrawn

Objection to the Specification

The specification stands objected to because of numerous alleged informalities. The specification has been amended to correct the alleged informalities.

Applicants also respectfully remind the Examiner that the detailed description of the invention need only be written with such particularity as to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention without involving extensive experimentation. Applicants point out that the detailed description is a dictionary for the claims and should provide clear support or antecedent basis for all terms in the claims. MPEP Section 608.01(g). Applicants respectfully contend that the detailed description certainly meets the threshold requirements noted above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7-10 have been amended, as suggested in the Office Action, to more clearly recite the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention and are therefore now allowable under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112. Claims 3, 6, and 11-12 are also allowable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies on claims 1 and 9.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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